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**MARY ALLEN-MOORE** of Lansing, left, explains a learning center exhibit to fellow volunteers.

## Hall of Justice volunteers bring the law to life

### *Perry, Durand residents teach others about courts*

LANSING — How does the judicial branch of government affect the everyday lives of Michigan citizens? If you have an hour, volunteers at the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center can tell you.

Ten volunteers recently completed an orientation program that prepared them to guide tours and assist groups that visit the award-winning gallery.

The learning center, which is located on first floor of the Michigan Hall of Justice in Lansing, is designed to introduce children and adults to the Michigan court system and a variety of law related topics.

Many visitors — a majority of whom are students — say they come away with a better understanding of the judicial branch of government.

"I've had a life-long interest in government and politics," said Veronica Drenovsky of Durand, who finished volunteer orienta-

tion. "I'm looking forward to giving my first tour and to helping others know more about the court system."

Another new volunteer, Beverly Zetterholm of Perry, is also excited about her role.

"I felt I could learn a lot about the court system and pass it on to children. They will have exposure to it more than they expect," Zetterholm said.

"Volunteers make our tour program possible," said learning center coordinator Rachael L. Drenovsky. "These talented people serve thousands of visitors per year."

To schedule a tour or become a volunteer, call (517) 373-7229 or 517-373-5027.

For more information about the learning center, visit <http://courts.mi.gov/plc/>.

### If you go

- **Hours:** Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed on state holidays.
- **Location:** First floor of the Michigan Hall of Justice, 625 W. Ottawa St. (corner of Allegan Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard).
- **Cost:** Free admission.
- **Parking:** East of the Michigan Hall of Justice, buses park in the Michigan Historical Center bus parking lot on Butler Street.
- **Group tours:** For reservations, call (517) 373-7229.
- **Volunteers:** Needed as tour guides and for special projects; call (517) 373-5027.